



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2013

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9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Board Retreat Update

On Saturday, January 19th, the Board met in retreat and heard the final report from the Guiding Team in regards to Surfing the Edge. The Guiding Team shared the top three growing opportunities, as outlined below. The next step in the process is to create MAT teams (Mission Action Teams) that will develop experiments to help us explore these opportunities.

For Leadership, the Board would like to reclaim the idea that we are all leaders and begin to:

- Define roles of leadership in the church
- Define a structure that helps us function as part of the Body of Christ
- Define responsibility such as who is leading what
- Define Authority such as who is in charge

For Community Outreach, the Board would like us to explore how we interact with the community by:

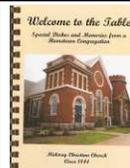
- Defining outreach
- Defining and reclaiming our role as servants of Christ
- Defining what we mean by welcome

For Communication, the Board would like to explore just how we communicate with each other and the wider community by:

- Creating a personal connection in all the ways we communicate
- Taking another look at our flock system and reclaiming their purpose
- Identifying ways to invite people to our events and our church
- Exploring ways to share the ministries of the other churches in our community.

All members of Midway Christian Church are invited to be a part of these conversations. **To join, please contact:**

- **Leadership: Phil Dare**
- **Community Outreach: Anne Burford and Sheri Atkins**
- **Communication: Shirley Eckels and Jim Leer**



Cookbooks are available in the church office for \$20. They make great gifts!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$93,275.63

Received to date: \$88,593.95

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

You are encouraged to read the text for the day in advance



February 3

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

No Sermon

February 10

Last Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

Sermon: "Transfigured & Transformed"

February 17

First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 28: 10-17

Sermon: "Finding God in Unexpected Places"

February 24

Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-15

Sermon: "Finding God in Unexpected Places"



Serving This Month

Elders: Jan Nance & Shirley Eckels

Deacons: Mary Sayre, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Jim Hoppin, Teresa Hoppin, Bob Settlemire, Pat Wilson, Sheri Adkins, John Askew

Junior Deacons: James Batts, (Betsy Schein, Will Schein)

Worship Leaders:

February 3 Scouts from Troop 40

February 10 Pat Wilson

February 17 Janet Mullins

February 24 Carole Munson



Sunday School

Sunday School through February 24

Please join us each Sunday continuing in February for a study and discussion of the General Epistles of the New Testament offering inspirational and practical advice for Christians living in a hostile and ungodly world.

Boy Scout Sunday - February 3rd

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on February 3rd. Members of Troop 40 will help lead worship and share what they've been doing for the past year.

(MCC became the charter institution for Troop 40 in 1994).



M.A.M.A. Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 13th @ 7:00 p.m.

Midway United Methodist Church, 129 W Bruen Street

The Midway United Methodist Church will host the Midway Area Ministerial Association's Ash Wednesday Service with Rev. Steve Hadden of Midway Baptist Church speaking.



Acolyte Schedule

February 3 Willa Michel & Alex Woodruff

February 10 Blake Adkins & Alex Adkins

February 17 Hannah Campbell & Bailey Spicer

February 24 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

A Pastoral Word

Lenten Theme:

Midway Christian's theme for Lent will be "Finding God in Unexpected Places." I can't take credit for this title. It comes from a book by Philip Yancey, if you are interested. But the title got me thinking about our Lenten Journey. We start out on a forty-day journey each year, looking for God in the desert and on mountain tops and end up finding God on the cross, crucified as a common criminal, and each year, we are surprised by our discoveries. Why is that? Why are we so surprised that our God meets us in unexpected ways and in unexpected places?

All we have to do is remember our story as the people of God to know that from the very beginning, God has always shown up in unexpected places - like burning bushes and fields of dry bones, and that God has used even the most unexpected people - like the woman at the well, to show us that the Kingdom of God is in our midst. From the very beginning of our story, God has always done the unexpected to show us that God is still working in our world.

So this got me to thinking - where is God showing up today in our world? Where are the unexpected places that we find Christ today? At our last Elders' and Deacons' meeting, we did a small discussion about this and it has stuck with me that for the most part, many of us thought that if Jesus was around today, we would not find him in our churches but out in the community with the poor, with the downtrodden, with those who are lost and lonely. We even said that Jesus would probably be turned off by our churches and our rules and regulations, in a sense our "busy-ness of the church."

So my question, and the question that will guide our Lenten journey together as Midway Christian Church, is: where do we find God in our world today? Maybe you found God on mission trips. Maybe you found God in a coffee shop while having a conversation. Maybe you found God at Kroger. Maybe you found God in the new tutoring program. Maybe you found God at the dinner table at one of our community dinners. Maybe you found God at the airport while trying to catch a flight.

I invite all of us to open our eyes as we begin our Lenten journey and discover the many ways God comes to us in unexpected ways, even through palm branches and empty tombs.

- Heather

Honoring an Eagle Scout

Thomie Wilson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Saturday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Midway Christian Church

If you have noticed the incredible improvement of our previously overgrown, vulture-tainted playground, you can thank Pat Wilson's grandson. Thomie Wilson took on the task as his Eagle Scout project last summer, and the kids of Midway have once again been able to enjoy a clean, inviting, fun place to play at Midway Christian Church.

Thomie's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will take place at MCC on Saturday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.



Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...



The Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Human Rights Commission celebrates:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

with a screening of the PBS series, "Half the Sky:

Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide"

When: Friday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Versailles Presbyterian Church, 130 N. Main Street

Co-sponsored by Dining for Women

and Versailles Presbyterian Church

For more information call Helen Rentch at 859-753-4253



Pisgah Academy Day: "Building a Compassionate Community"

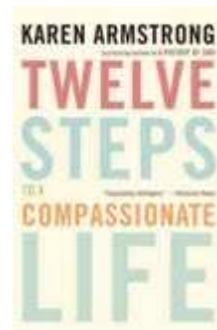
Saturday, February 9th @ Pisgah Presbyterian Church

8:30 a.m.: Registration; **9:00 to 1:00:** Panel Discussion featuring Keynote Speaker, Tori Mulden McClure, M.Div, J.D. M.F.A and President of Spalding University.

Ms. McClure is also known as the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic and the first woman to ski overland to the South Pole. She will be leading the group in a discussion from her perspective as a teacher of the "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life."

Register online at www.pisgahchurch.org or call 873-4161.

\$25 fee includes book: Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life, by Karen Armstrong



Seminary Saturdays @ LTS

631 S. Limestone, Lexington

- February 2 - Reading and Understanding the Gospels - *Dr. Jerry Sumney, Lexington Theological Seminary*

See the church office bulletin board or call 859-351-9612



General Assembly 2013

July 13 through July 17, 2013

Orange County Convention Center,
Orlando, Florida

Early rates apply
until April 1st

www.disciples.org



Christmount Events (Black Mountain, NC)

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| February 1 - 3 | Winterfest 1 Ski Weekend |
| February 15 - 18 | Winterfest 2 Ski Weekend |
| March 1 - 2 | Elders & Deacons Workshop |
| May 26 - 31 | Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp |
| May 31 - June 2 | Discovery Weekend for Women |
| June 13 - 16 | Music Workshop |



For more info call
828-669-8977

or visit

www.christmount.org

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

Sunday, February 3rd, 12:30 p.m.

All elders, deacons and committee team leaders are encouraged to attend!



Burgoo "Fun" Raiser

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

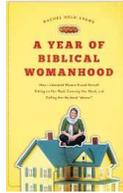
Rick Caudle will be hosting a Burgoo Dinner instead of our usual Fat Tuesday Pancakes. Cost is \$5 a bowl. All proceeds will go to support the ministries of MCC.



Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, February 17th, 12:30 p.m.

The Disciples Women will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 17th. Nancy Dare will review the book: [A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on her Roof, Covering her Head, and Calling her Husband "Master."](#)

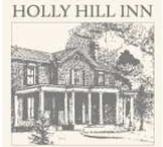


Please bring a salad to share.

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, February 21st @ 11:30 a.m.

The Keenagers will travel to Holly Hill Inn on Thursday, February 21st. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 18th if you wish to go. Be at the church by 11:15 if you wish to carpool.



(Note: A discounted price for soup only is available)

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner

Monday, February 25th, 6:30 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to the free Community Dinner held at Midway Christian Church's Fellowship Hall on the last Monday of the month. Helpers are needed before (around 4 p.m.) to help cook and set up, and helpers are needed after for clean-up and dish washing.

Free Community Dinner



Midway Christian Clothes Closet

Monday, February 25th @ 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30, following the Community Dinner, the community is invited to explore the MCC Clothes Closet in the Fellowship Hall basement. Gently-used clothing items for men, women, & children will go for about 25 cents each.

(Please respect the Scouts and wait until 7:30 be-



Snacks Needed for Girls on the Run

"Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls age 8 to 13 years old. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development." (www.girlsontherun.org)

Please bring individually-wrapped snacks of:

**Baked Lays Chex Mix Cereal Bars
Cheese-Its Granola Bar Fruit Snacks
and Teddy Grahams**

to the box in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Zumba Classes

Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.

\$5 per class (Gratz Street door)



Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

- 2/6/13** **6 p.m.** Make posters for Pizza Fondue Lunch & Count blessings
- 2/13/13** **6 p.m.** Origami
- 2/20/13** **6 p.m.** Bible Stories
- 2/27/13** **6 p.m.** Go to Midway Library



Mark your calendars:



**March 10th after church:
Youth Fun Fundraiser -
PIZZA FONDUE LUNCH!**

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 2013 Camp Dates

- June 2-8 Eighters Camp (8th graders only)
- June 10-14 Junior Camp 1(4th & 5th graders)
- June 15-16 Camp 101A (1st & 2nd graders with a parent)
- June 17-22 CYF Camp 1 (9th-12th graders)
- June 24-29 CYF Camp 2 (9th-12th graders)
- July 1-6 Chi-Rho Camp 1(6th-8th graders)
- July 8-12 Junior Camp 2(4th & 5th graders)
- July 12-14 Mini Camp (3rd graders)
- July 14-19 WAMO Week (Mission experience for 6th-12th graders)
- July 20-21 Camp 101B (1st & 2nd graders with a parent)
- July 22-27 Chi-Rho Camp 2(6th-8th graders)
- 8/30-9/1 Y'ALL Family Camp (whole family)
- Registration forms will be available in the spring.

Midway Community Children's Choir Update, by Melissa Askew



The first season of the Midway Children's Choir was most definitely a success. The choir ended up having just over 20 students participate, and they had four different performances for the Christmas season: Midway College Vespers Service, Midway Library's Reindeer event, and two performances held at Northside Elementary School. For everyone who came to a performance or even multiple performances, I hope you were able to get a sense of the children's excitement and hear how hard they worked! After asking several of the choir members what their favorite part of choir was, some of the responses I got were "being on stage", "singing", and my favorite, "there are too many things that were my favorite!" I have also been approached by several parents and members of the community who expressed to me how impressed they were with the performances, some even saying they could not believe the choir was singing in parts and that you could tell how much work they put into practicing. Several people mentioned how much they enjoyed the college's Vesper service because of the community participation from several different local ensembles. The choir will present their spring concert in May before school lets out, and I am working on arranging one or two more opportunities for them to perform.

This leads to the anticipation of my next goal, an adult community choir for the City of Midway and surrounding areas. My plans are to have the choir started by fall of 2014. This will give me enough time to focus on keeping the Children's Choir successful, bringing our new baby into the world, and making sure the foundation for the adult choir is set firmly. Stay tuned for more information as it develops!

I cannot thank everyone enough for their prayers, donations, and words of encouragement during the months leading up to making the choir a reality, as well as the continued support. I am excited to see the ways I can continue to improve to make the choir grow and become as good as it can be in the years to come. These children's lives are being affected positively through this ministry of music, and I want to give God all the praise for allowing that to happen!

Logo painted by Charlotte Morgan

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of January 28th: Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, and Pat Settlemyre. The next delivery is the week of **February 25th**.

February Mission Payments

Midway College

"Midway College, Kentucky's only women's college, provides a living, learning environment that enables students to assume roles of responsibility and leadership as contemporary women. The college assists each student in the development of personal integration and self sufficiency through a strong liberal arts education and through career studies, both at the associate and baccalaureate degree levels." *(from the Midway College website)*



Christian Church in Kentucky

We are 30,000 committed followers of Jesus who worship and witness in 240 local congregations. We are outdoor ministries in two locations, retreats, conferences, workshops and mission trips for women, men, young adults, youth and children. We are the hands that bless, serve, break bread, and offer welcome and hospitality. We are nearly 500 ordained, commissioned and licensed ministers serving in a variety of vital ministries. We are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky, "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." *(from the CCinKY website)*

Week of Compassion: February 17 - 24



Mission: Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

(There is a list of recommended movies on the office bulletin board)

Thank You, from LTS

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

Thank You, from Christian Care

In a thank-you letter from Christian Care Communities, Bill Schiphorst writes, "Midway was fifth in giving, among all of the churches in 2012!" He also writes, "Your gifts to Christian Care Communities totaling \$4,370.00 during 2012 demonstrated your concern for others. Thank you for this blessing to others!"

Green Chalice News

To subscribe to Green Chalice News,
e-mail: cdevine@dhm.disciples.org

HELPFUL HINTS FOR LOVING GOD'S CREATION:

The New Year is a good time to look at our lives through green lenses and take stock. From how we travel to what we eat, there are many small and large things we can do to walk more gently on the earth.



Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Re-purpose

Home - Install a programmable thermostat. Use creation-friendly cleaners and paints. Purchase energy-efficient appliances, sustainably-made flooring and furniture. Purchase used clothing and household items whenever possible. Hang your clothes on a line to dry. Use cloth napkins. Use rags instead of paper towels. Install LED lightbulbs. Turn off the computer. Pay bills online. Stop junk mail. Print on two sides.

Food - Keep cloth shopping bags in your car. Purchase local foods when possible. Purchase Fair Trade coffee and teas for home and office. Purchase ethical meats. Take your water bottle, travel mug and reusable cup with you. Eat at home, take your lunch and snacks. Plant a garden. Plant herbs among your flowers. Compost.

Travel - Walk or bike when you can, carpool if possible. Schedule things so that you can use your car most efficiently. Turn your car off instead of idling.

Work - Set a good example for others. Turn the thermostat down in the winter and put on a sweater. Bring your own mug and cup to work. Bring your lunch. Have office plants. Shut down the computers and turn off the lights. Encourage green practices in the office and landscaping. Use recycled paper and recycle the waste.



UK Lecture on Global Food Systems

Thursday, February 28, 8pm in Memorial Hall



Dr. Vandana Shiva will deliver a lecture drawn from her perspectives on the history and future of global food systems. Dr. Shiva is an internationally-renowned scientist, author and activist with strong interests in agriculture, development, feminist theory, alternative globalization and bioengineering. The lecture is presented by the Student Sustainability Council and co-sponsored by the Student Government Association, and the UK Departments of Geography and Sociology.

County Extension Agent Kim Cowherd highly recommends this speaker (open to the public).

UK Lecture on Climate Change: Values, National Security, & Free Enterprise

Thursday, April 4th, 7pm in UK Center Ballroom*



- Katherine Hayhoe, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, and author of [A Climate for Change, Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions](#)
- Brigadier General (Retired) Steve M. Anderson, Chief Marketing Officer, Relyant
- Bob Inglis, President of the Energy and Enterprise Institute, and former House Republican from South Carolina

*Live streaming at <http://ustream.tv/kyclimateforum>

More Community News

The Epiphany Feast was a Huge Success!



A record 176 tickets were sold for this year's dinner, feeding well over 200, including all the workers.

THANK YOU, chef Ouita Michel and all the crew!

And THANK YOU, Midway College, for the use of your dining hall!

Mark your calendars to make your reservations in early December this year. This event SELLS OUT!

Chili Cook-off Winners:

Our January 28th Community Dinner/Annual Chili Cook-off was a very popular event. This year's honorable judges - Mark Wombles of Heirloom, Grayson Vandegrift of 815 Prime, and Reb Butler of Darlin' Jean's Apple Cobbler Café chose the following winners:

- 1st Place: Cindy Batts
- 2nd Place: Joyce Evans
- 3rd Place: Ouita Michel



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Return Service Requested

